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Dear Madam Chairman:

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From 1995 through 1999, the U.S. International Trade Commission (the Commission) prepared an annual report entitled *U.S.-Africa Trade Flows and Effects of the Uruguay Round Agreements and U.S. Trade and Development Policy*, in support of the Administration's annual "Comprehensive U.S. Trade and Development Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa" report. The report has been useful and USTR greatly appreciates the work of the Commission over the past five years in preparing this report.

Under the President's Partnership for Economic Growth and Opportunity in Africa, USTR and other U.S. government agencies have intensified their efforts to strengthen economic, political, and commercial ties with the countries of sub-Saharan Africa. As USTR continues to pursue its work, and with possible new reporting requirements stemming from the African Growth and Opportunity Act, which is currently being considered by the U.S. Congress, we believe that certain information from the reports continues to be both useful and relevant to USTR's work and that of other agencies. Therefore, under authority delegated by the President and pursuant to Section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, I request that the Commission prepare a report containing the following:

- For the last 5 years (and the latest quarter available), data for U.S. merchandise trade and U.S. services trade with sub-Saharan Africa including statistics by country, by major sectors, and by the top 25 commodities. Statistical information on imports from sub-Saharan Africa under the GSP program by country and by major product categories/commodities should also be included.
- Country-by-country profiles of the economies of each sub-Saharan African country, including information on major trading partners, by country.
- A summary of the trade, services, and investment climates in each of the countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including a description of the basic tariff structure (e.g., the average tariff rate and the average agricultural tariff rate). The summaries should also include information on significant impediments to trade, including any import bans
- Updates on regional integration in sub-Saharan Africa and statistics on U.S. trade with major regional groupings (COMESA, EAC, ECOWAS, IGAD, SACU, SADC, and WAEMU). Where applicable, provide information on the regional group's tariff structure

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- A description of the U.S. tariff structure for imports from Africa.
- A summary of U.S. and total foreign direct investment and portfolio investment in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Information on sub-Saharan Africa privatization efforts based on publicly available information.
- A summary of multilateral and U.S. bilateral assistance to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

The Commission is requested to provide its final report by no later than December 10, 2000 and annually for a period of 4 years thereafter. A supplemental request will be sent in the event that it becomes necessary to change the scope of the requested report.

It is the expectation that the Commission's report will be made available to the public in its entirety. Therefore, the report should not contain any confidential business information or national security information.

The Commission's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charlene Barshefsky

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The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Okun:

The U.S. International Trade Commission started an investigation on April 29, 2002 to prepare the third in a series of five annual reports on U.S. trade and investment with sub-Saharan Africa (Inv. No. 332-415). The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative requested these reports to help fulfill the Administration's reporting requirements under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The previous reports were very useful, and we greatly appreciate the Commission's ongoing work.

As we continue to promote AGOA opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa, it would be helpful to have additional specific information on the results of this legislation (including its GSP provisions) in the region. Therefore, as a supplemental request under authority delegated by the President, and pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, I am asking the Commission to provide the following:

- Value of U.S. imports from sub-Saharan Africa under AGOA (including its GSP provisions) by beneficiary country and major product categories.
- Compilation of investment developments related to AGOA.
- Description and analysis of major sub-Saharan Africa export sectors.
- Expanded information on regional integration in sub-Saharan Africa, including information on the *Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale* (CEMAC).
- Description of major non-U.S. trade preference programs on the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.
- Description of major U.S. trade capacity-building initiatives related to sub-Saharan Africa.

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I request that the Commission provide this additional information in its December 2002 report and in the two remaining reports in this series. I anticipate that the Commission's report will be made available to the public in its entirety. Therefore, the report should not contain any confidential business or national security information.

Thank you for your valuable advice and assistance. I look forward to reviewing your report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Zoellick", written in a cursive style.

Robert B. Zoellick